CLEVER SMUGGLERS.

Daring Efforts to Evade Uncle Sam's Customs Officials.

ONE BOLD PIECE OF WORK.

The Way Two Persistent Tar ff Dodgers Scared a Snip's Captain and Escaped the Inspectors-A Poli Parrot That Told Tales Out of School.

tury the precautions of served by the officers of the United States treasury department in prevertug or mither at department in preventing or rather at total than Bergen, shilling, putting country were as adequate in their insignificant. For years they plied lentic liners, and when at length their system was laid bare through the actimen of government agents, their lingenuity still served to prevent the fenders.

The smuggling White and Bergen was gone. did was confined to trunks full of nickel or silver plated tierman and Swiss watches. English cuttery, woolens and tweeds. In the aggregate bowever, it may safely be ventured that the revenue of the nation suffered more through these two men than through the opensional successes of diamond smuggiers

Inevitably of course as their trismphs increased in duration and propertion, the leak forced itself upon the notice of the customs officers. White and Bergen did not know this. Agents of the treasury department in England and eventually suspicion was fastened spon Bergen, who was in London enmed in the wholesale purchase of table cutlery. The two snaugglers were mover abroad together, it being part New York.

The government agents watched Bergen for a fortnight. One of them was never far off when a purchase was made, and when the object of suspicion booked on a certain liner that fact, together with a complete list of the dutiable articles in his possession. was cabled to Washington. The vessel was due past Sandy Hook on May 16, 189-, and the custom house inspectors bad prepared a distinguished welcome for the man whom they had long regarded as their special bete noire.

Bergen was accomplished and gental, frequented the smoking room night and day and was popular with card players and the passengers in general. One morning when the steamer was a few miles east of Fire island there came a cry from the lockout, "Man insmall boat in distress off the port bow!" The captain descried a man standing up in a small sleep, the most of which was shattered and the craft somewhat down by the head. She was drifting to sea, and the captain signaled for full speed astern, altered his course a trifle and finally came near enough to the occurrent of the sailtout to throw him a line, by which, wet and bedraggled, he was hauled to the une, deck, amid the cheers of the passengers. If Bergen felt surprise as he saw his fellow conspirator White sprawled on deck, he gave no indication of it. In due time the ocean waif hen's egg is kept under suitable condidisappeared from among the passen-

The liner was approaching the Sandy Hook light speed setten Bergen, wild of eye, with buir disheveled and cheeks flushed, sought the privilege of an immediate and private interview with the ship's chief executive. He was taken into the chart room, where, falling on his knows before the captain, he begged him never to divuige what he was about to bell, and then he unfolded a territor par a high he had conceived of destroying the vessel and her pas-Dengers

He was a Penjan, he said, and had in his commutes to place an inferral together in the hold of the British vessel Clockwork was attached to the to be declared, and it was timed . within twenty minutes. He had a spect firm in his deadly Yenture the angular the true but now on ent a little boy with whom he had renved about deck and had grow bad swerved him from his paper. He said that the bomb v · 'Led within a huge leather to the first the begred the captain to the transfer of exercent be in ticking away the Me of the slip should have time to do to work

The englain was a man of action. and before the last words were out of Bergen's mouth he was on deck, summoning the watch to quarters.

"Into the laggage room all of you." roared "and jack every piece of baggage on deck!"

The crew set to work. Trunk after was hauled out, while Bergen shood beside the captain shivering in

excess of emotion. Suddenly he caught on a correspondences. There have be cried pointing to an

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The the section of the DR. DEVERE B. MORRIS, a soil to Hergen nettl the decto general. That the susfor was surrentaled by No hold the the group was less ngl

emuggling of dittiable goods into this discloss took wish is adjected. With scope and as rapidly applied as they are today. This means that the achieved today. This means that the achieved was an easy operation. He had no long ments of two shoulders, who amy be they even had a description of the called Harry White and Richard Ber- truck, and thus armed the captain was gen, need by no ricans be regarded as ordered to or or the bargains compart thent. When the revenue men recited their trade upon the various transat- their removes for this demand, with a description of the trunk they expected T. B. ELLIS, JR., to find, a great white light dawned gion the skipper's mind, and the detectwo swore vainly as they realized just punishment of many other of that though their quarry was run 'wn, all the evidence against him

On a there lived in one of the foreign counters of New York a learned orni the logist. He knew more about birds than most men know about anything. He stuited and mounted them too. Not difrequently his researches took him abroad. In fact, he was a regular voyager to Europe, spending the great or part of his sojourn invariably in Proper whence he returned with many quaint and surlous birds stuffed the state de ready for exhibition. This savant and his birds became so fatelliar to the customs inspectors that they finally examined his baggage and and on the continent were set to work, this stock in the most perfunctory way. Once when in Parls the ornithologist picked up a wonderful tilking parrot which he purchased at the owner's torke and made a pet of. He was foul! of talking, and the bird was speedly of the system for one to remain at taken into his confidence. Yet through all the grim fact that Poll would be worth more to him dead than alive constantly obtruded itself, so much so that several times a day he said to the parrot, "Poil, pretty Poll, when you are dead I shall stuff you full of nice fat diamonds and take you to Amer-

In good season the ornithologist, with his collection of stuffed birds and his parrot, set sail for New York on one of the French liners leaving Havre. At the pier several inspectors greeted him as an old acquaintance, and one of them fumbled carelessly among the various trunks and boxes, until eventually Poll, sitting placidly in her cage, was brought to light.

"Ah, a parrot!" said the inspector "Can she talk, professor?"

"Ah!" exclaimed the savant delightedly, "Can she talk? Well, maybe!" He crooked foretinger at the bird. which opened her bill-and talked:

"Pol!-Poll-Polly-pretty Poll, when you are dead-when you are dead-are dead-are dead, I shall stuff you full of full of 1 stuff stuff-stuff you full of diamonds."

The rest was easy for the inspectors. - Lawrence Perry in New York Trib-

The Chick In the Egg. Almost every one knows that if a

tions for about three weeks a fully fermed and developed chick will Developments were not long delayed emerge from the shell, but when a fresh egg is opened no sign of an organism is present. However, at one side of the york is a minute cell which contains the vital principle of the future fewl, and, strange as it may seem. this cell begins to eat the contents of the eggshell and transforms them ent. tissues of the chick. This process may be watched by holding the egg to the light, when the developing of the chick may be followed from hour to hour. When the chick comes out of the shell it is not dependent on its parent's body for food, but is capable of picking up worms and seeds and digesting them. It will be noticed that the hen supplies enough material in an egg to produce a fully formed progeny, and the chick is not started out in life with imperfectly formed or gans - Ir. Henry Dwight Chapin in North American Repew.

The Last Resort.

A man went into an oculist's the other day and, complaining of failing sight, got fitted with a pair of spectacles.

"Is this the weakest glass for my eye?" he asked.

"Yes." replied the oculist. "Supposing I can't see with it after a

few months?" "Get a stronger then."

"And if I still can't see?" "Get a still stronger."

"And if the strongest glass falls?" "In that case I think if I were you should buy a small, intelligent deg and a comple of yards of string."

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